Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, John Terwilliger, son of Steve and Shelley Terwilliger of Junius, will graduate from Madison High School at Madison, South Dakota, on May 20, 2007, amidst the fanfare and celebration of family and friends; and,

Whereas, John's graduation is a fitting and proper culmination of many years of hard work and dedication both inside and outside the classroom; and,

Whereas, John's achievements are an inspiration to all young people in South Dakota who recognize that learning is not a product but a process that stays with us during our lifetime; and,

Whereas, John has overcome challenges unknown to many young people because he was born with Spina Bifida, and his classmates and friends have learned to value their unlimited movement compared to John's occasional need for a wheelchair as a source of transportation; and,

Whereas, John works hard to build strong upper body strength in order to maintain the pace and endurance necessary to participate on the Junior Sioux Wheelers basketball team, coached by Dick Neu, and John also finds time to man the Career Learning Center's desk on Fridays; and,

Whereas, South Dakota's young people are our state's best investment in the future and our greatest hope for prosperity:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 20, 2007, as

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in South Dakota, and I personally join John's proud parents, relatives, many friends and classmates in recognizing his accomplishments of the past and promise for the future.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State